

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Serial No. <u>10/106,058</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application:

|    | Filed on                              | <u>March 27, 2002</u>   |
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|    | Of                                    | Mitsushige Suzuki et al.  |
|    | Entitled:                             | VEHICLE-ONBOARD SIGNAL PROCESSING   |
|    | DEVICE AN                             | ND VEHICLE-ONBOARD RADAR SYSTEM   |
|    | Examiner:                             | B. Andrea   |
|    | Group Art U                           | Jnit: 3662  |
| 1. | Accompanyi<br>originally fil          | ng this order is a true copy of the prior application as led.   |
|    | Total pages                           | : 29 pages of specification, claims and abstract, and 9 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9)                |
| 2. |                                       | al drawings are being filed herewith consisting of  |
| 3. | 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney: |   |
|    | a                                     | Newly executed (original or copy)   |
|    | b. <u>X</u>                           | Copy from prior application   |
|    | i.                                    | Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application |
| 4. | Incorporation                         | on by Reference:  |
|    | 2.                                    | Of  |

hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is



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- 5. Cancel original claims \_\_\_\_.
- 6. Small entity status:
  - a. \_ A small entity statement is enclosed
  - b. \_\_ A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on \_\_\_ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
  - c. \_ Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

## CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

| Basic    | Fee    | \$375 \$750   |  |  |
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| Total    | Claims | <u>9</u> - 20 = <u>0</u> x 9 = <u>\$</u> 18 = <u>\$</u>   |  |  |
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|          |        | Multiple Dependent Claims + 140 = <u>\$</u> 280 = <u>\$</u>   |  |  |
|          |        | Total <u>\$</u> <u>\$750</u>  |  |  |
| _        | 8.     | Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$   |  |  |
| <u>X</u> | 9.     | A check in the amount of \$\frac{750.00}{} to cover the filing fee is enclosed.   |  |  |
| X        | 10.    | The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056207.51068C1). |  |  |
| <u>X</u> | 11.    | Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:This application is a continuation of application Serial No. <u>10/106,058</u> , filed <u>March 27, 2002</u>        |  |  |
| <u>X</u> | 12.    | Priority of Appln. No. <u>2001-353,272</u> , filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>November 19, 2001</u> , is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.   |  |  |

Serial No. 10/106,058 on March 14, 2003.

A certified copy of the priority document was filed in application

The prior application is assigned of record to HITACHI, LTD.

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169; and Richard R. Diefendorf, Reg. No. 32,390.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- \_\_ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X\_ 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

\_ 19. Other: \_\_\_

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Respectfully submitted,

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